

used for commercial purposes connected with the port activities.

Export Processing Zones

2960. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA
KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S.
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some more Export Processing Zones in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). There is no proposal at present to set up more Export Processing Zones.

Indian Investment Centre

2961. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BAN-
DAREE:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H.
TOPIWALA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to strengthen the Indian Investment Centre to encourage large scale foreign investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The performance

of Indian Investment Centre is reviewed from time to time and necessary measures taken regarding its role in mobilizing foreign investment.

[Translation]

Women Judges in High Courts

2962. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS
VARMA:
DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not filling up the vacant posts of judges in various High Courts, particularly in Gujarat High Court;

(b) the number of vacant posts filled up during the last six months, court-wise; and

(c) whether adequate number of vacancies are not being filled up from amongst the senior lady advocates in the High Courts, particularly in Gujarat High Court; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to fill up these vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). A statement indicating the appointments made in the High Courts from 1.9.1991 till date is attached.

For filling up the vacant posts in the High Courts the process of consultation among the Constitutional authorities concerned has been expedited.

As on date there are 17 women Judges in the High Courts. The Chief Justices of High Courts and the State authorities have been addressed by the Union Law Ministers requesting them to locate suitable women from the Bar to give them adequate representation in the High Courts. Recommendations received from the Chief Justices of the High Courts and the State authorities for appointment of women Judges are given due consideration by the Central Government.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	High Court	Fresh appointment made from 1.9.1991 till date
1.	Allahabad	21
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4
3.	Bombay	3
4.	Calcutta	—
5.	Delhi	—
6.	Gauhati	4
7.	Gujarat	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	—
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
10.	Karnataka	2
11.	Kerala	—
12.	Madhya Pradesh	—

13.	Madras	—
14.	Orissa	—
15.	Patna	7
16.	Punjab & Haryana	—
17.	Rajasthan	3
18.	Sikkim	—
Total		46

Wholesale Price Index

2963. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS
VARMA:
DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the weekly position of wholesale price index from July 1, 1991 upto date; and

(b) the percentage increase in wholesale price index in comparison to the corresponding period last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The weekly position of wholesale price index (WPI) from June 29, 1991 (nearest to July 1, 1991) up to date along with percentage increase in WPI over corresponding period last year is given in the enclosed statement.